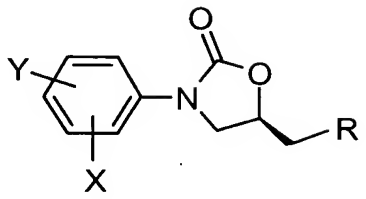
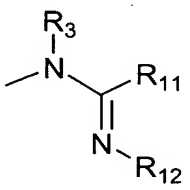
Amendments to the Claims:

1. (original) A compound of Formula I



Formula I

R is selected from the group consisting of OH, N_3, -OR_1, -O-aryl, -O-heteroaryl, -OSO_2R_2, -NR_3R_4, and



wherein

(i) R_1 is benzyl or C_{2-6}-acyl;

(ii) R_2 is selected from the group consisting of phenyl, tolyl, and C_{1-8}-alkyl; and

(iii) R_3 and R_4 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_{3-6}-cycloalkyl, phenyl, tert-butoxycarbonyl, fluorenyloxycarbonyl, benzyloxycarbonyl, -CO_2-R_5, -CO-R_5, -CO-SR_5, -CS-R_5, P(O)(OR_6)(OR_7), -SO_2-R_8 and C_{1-6}-alkyl optionally substituted with 1 to 3 members independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-5}-alkoxycarbonyl, OH, cyano, and halogen, wherein

R_5 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_{3-6}-cycloalkyl, trifluoromethyl, phenyl, benzyl, and C_{1-6}-alkyl optionally substituted with 1 to 3 members independently selected from the group consisting of C_{1-5}-alkoxycarbonyl, OH, cyano, halogen, and –NR_9R_{10} in which R_9 and R_{10} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, phenyl and C_{1-4}-alkyl;

R_6 and R_7 are independently hydrogen or C_{1-4}-alkyl; and

R_8 is phenyl or C_{1-4}-alkyl;

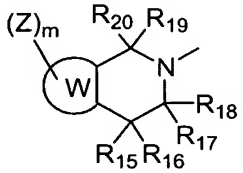
R_{11} is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, -OR_{13}, -SR_{13}, amino, -$NR_{13}R_{14}$, aryl(C_{1-8})alkyl, and mono-, di-, tri-, or per-halo C_{1-8}-alkyl;

R_{12} is selected from the group consisting of CN, -COR_{13}, -$COOR_{13}$, -CO-$NR_{13}R_{14}$, -SO_2R_{13}, -SO_2-$NR_{13}R_{14}$, and nitro; and

R_{13} and R_{14} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, and aryl, or R_{13} and R_{14} taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form an unsubstituted or substituted pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, or piperazinyl group;

X is 0 to 4 members independently selected from the group consisting of halogen, OH, mercapto, nitro, halo-C_{1-8}-alkyl, C_{1-8}-alkoxy, C_{1-8}-alkylthio, C_{1-8}-alkyl-amino, di(C_{1-8}-alkyl)amino, formyl, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, C_{1-8} alkyl-CO-O-, C_{1-8} alkyl-CO-NH-, carboxamide, aryl, heteroaryl, CN, amino, C_{3-6}-cycloalkyl, C_{1-8}-alkyl optionally substituted with one or more members selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, OH, C_{1-8} alkoxy and C_{1-8} acyloxy; and

Y is a radical of Formula II:



Formula II

wherein

R_{15}, R_{16}, R_{17}, R_{18}, R_{19}, and R_{20} are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, CN, nitro, C_{1-8}-alkyl, halo-C_{1-8}-alkyl, formyl, carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl,

carboxamide, aryl, and heteroaryl, or R_{15} and R_{16} and/or R_{17} and R_{18} and/or R_{19} and R_{20} together form an oxo group;

the moiety W represents any five- to ten-membered aromatic or heteroaromatic ring, said heteroaromatic ring having 1 to 4 members selected from the group consisting of S, O, and N;

Z is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, amino, alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclyl, CN, CHO, alkyl-CO-, alkoxy, (C_{1-8}-alkyl)-CONH-, and $R_{21}R_{22}N$-alkyl- wherein R_{21} and R_{22} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_{1-6}-alkyl, benzyl, aryl, and heteroaryl, or $R_{21}$and R_{22} together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form an unsubstituted or substituted pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, or piperazinyl group; and

m is 0 or 1

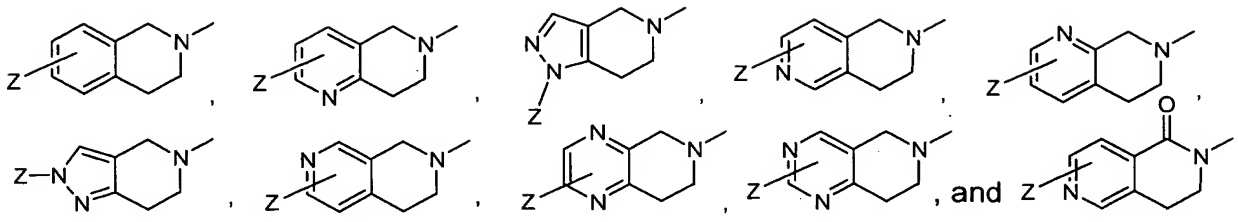
and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts and esters thereof.

2. (original) The compound of claim 1 wherein X is halogen.

3. (original) The compound of claim 1 wherein Z is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, aryl, and heteroaryl.

4. (original) The compound of claim 1 wherein the moiety W is a fused phenyl ring or a five- or six-membered heteroaromatic ring having 1 to 4 members selected from the group consisting of S, O, and N.

5. (original) The compound of claim 1 wherein Y is selected from the group consisting of

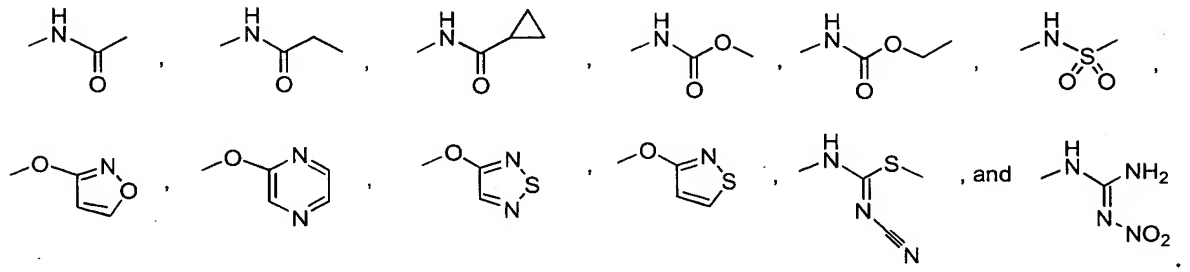


wherein

Z is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, alkyl-CO-, and $R_{21}R_{22}N$-alkyl- wherein R_{21} and R_{22} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C_{1-6}-alkyl, benzyl, aryl, and heteroaryl, or $R_{21}$and R_{22} together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form an unsubstituted or substituted pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, or piperazinyl group.

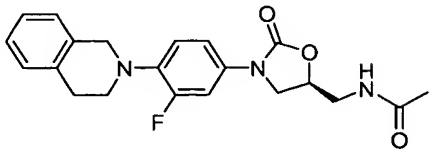
6. (original) The compound of claim 5 wherein X is halogen and Z is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, aryl, and heteroaryl.

7. (original) The compound of claim 1 wherein R is selected from the group consisting of

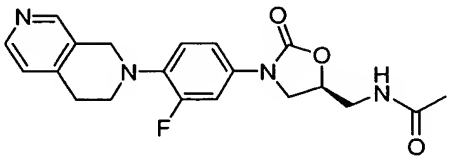


8. (original) The compound of claim 6 wherein X is halogen and Z is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, aryl, and heteroaryl.

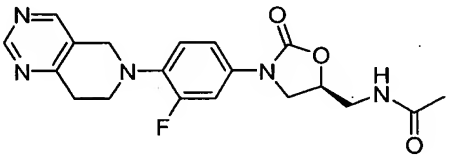
9. (amended) A compound of Claim 1 having the formula:



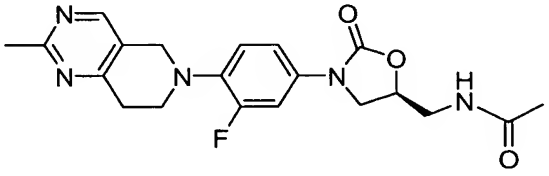
10. (amended) A compound of Claim 1 having the formula:



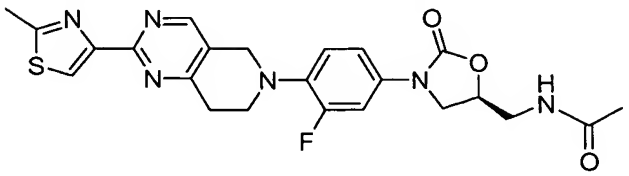
11. A compound of Claim 1 having the formula:



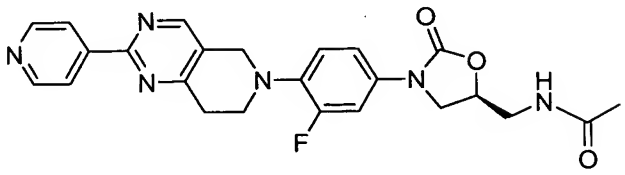
12. (amended) A compound of Claim 1 having the formula:



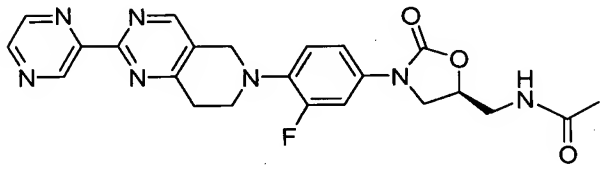
13. (amended) A compound of Claim 1 having the formula:



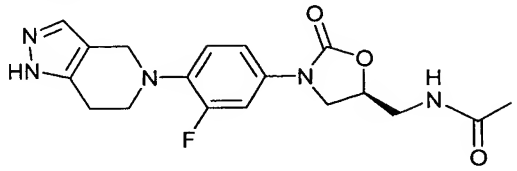
14. (amended) A compound of Claim 1 having the formula:



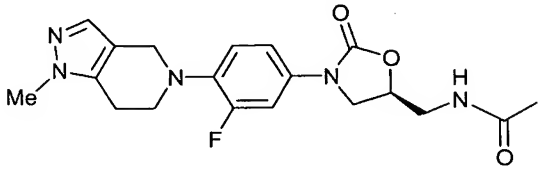
15. (amended) A compound of Claim 1 having the formula:



16. (amended) A compound of Claim 1 having the formula:



17. (amended) A compound of Claim 1 having the formula:



18. (amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

19 and 20. (cancelled).

21. (amended) ~~The method of Claim 19 or 20~~ A method of treating a subject having a condition ~~wherein said condition is~~ selected from the group consisting of community-acquired pneumonia, upper and lower respiratory tract infections, skin and soft tissue infections, bone and joint infections and hospital-acquired lung infections, said method comprising the step of administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.

22. (amended) The method of Claim ~~19 or 20~~ 21 wherein said bacterium is selected from the group consisting of *S. aureus, S. epidermidis, S. pneumoniae, S. pyogenes, Enterococcus spp., Moraxella catarrhalis* and *H. influenzae.*

23. (amended) The method of Claim ~~19 or 20~~ 21 wherein said bacterium is a Gram-positive coccus.

24. (original) The method of Claim 23 wherein said Gram-positive coccus is drug-resistant.

25. (new) A method of preventing a subject from suffering from a condition selected from the group consisting of community-acquired pneumonia, upper and lower respiratory tract infections, skin and soft tissue infections, bone and joint infections and hospital-acquired lung infections, said method comprising the step of administering to the subject a prophylactically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.

26. (new) The method of Claim 25 wherein said bacterium is selected from the group consisting of *S. aureus, S. epidermidis, S. pneumoniae, S. pyogenes, Enterococcus spp., Moraxella catarrhalis* and *H. influenzae.*

27. (new) The method of Claim 25 wherein said bacterium is a Gram-positive coccus.

28. (new) The method of Claim 25 wherein said Gram-positive coccus is drug-resistant.